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In re Application of:	**Cuckler et al.**		
Application No.:	**09/920,432**	Art Unit:	**3738**
Filed:	**August 1, 2001**	Examiner:	**Willse, D.**
For:	**Acetabular Ring Prosthesis with Reinforcement Member**		
		Docket No:	10557/247605

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 23, 2004, please amend the application as indicated below and kindly consider the following remarks. Enclosed herewith is a Petition for a Two Month Extension of Time and $450.00 check to cover the fee. No additional fees are believed due; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-0855.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 19 of this paper.

CERTIFICATION OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on **December 20, 2004.**

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